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Dear Sirs,

I'm an Austrian Citizen living in Montpellier / South France, and working part-time as a webdesigner.

I want to briefly express my opinion about Microsoft and the Anti-Trust Settlement. I'll be brief: I truly think the commercial brutality of Microsoft is only equalled by the bad quality of their products.

To give you an example from everyday life , I've been designing websites for two years now, and I've been forced to spend more time behind my PC than in front of it, due to a very badly designed Operating System. But everytime you go to a computer shop, they can only give you advice on Microsoft Products, and nothing else.

Imagine American Citizens (no: everybody on earth!) would only be allowed to buy a Trabant for a car (that's an east-german brand, a very badly designed car). Unfortunately, everytime a car retailer wants to sell a new brand of cars (say: a Chrysler, or a Renault), the Trabant trust comes in and forces him to buy their wrecks. Now you know how I feel about Microsoft.

Personal remark: I'm currently studying Linux, taking an intensive two-month-course. After only two weeks, my enthusiasm about this goes far beyond my expectations. Because for the first time, my PC actually *\*works\** without crashing.

In my not so humble opinion, the world would be a better place without Microsoft products, at least for programmers. But in the meantime, it would be nice to allow some place for the concurrents who build much better operating systems.

Regards,

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